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For: IMPROVED BURR FOR PREPARING A HOMOGENEOUS PULPSTONE SURFACE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the Species I claims corresponding to Figures 6A-6F. Claims 1-8 are readable on elected Species I. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 25-27 are respectfully considered to be generic. It is noted that in the Office Action, only Claim 25 is indicated as being generic. However, Claims 26 and 27 are also considered to be generic because neither of these claims is limited to a specific tooth profile shape assignable to one of the identified Species I-III. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

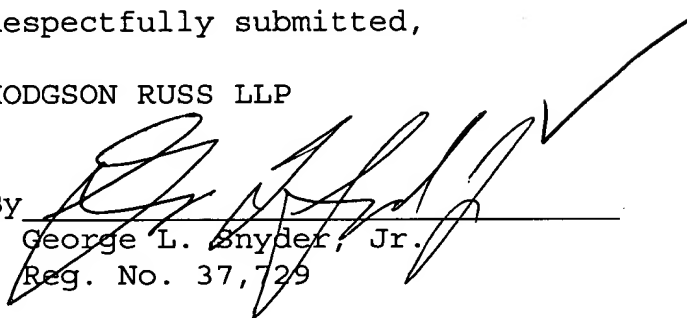
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Claims 9-24 may be withdrawn from consideration.

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